



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF MR. PABLITO M. VILLEGAS AS ADVISER ON AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL CREDIT AND AGRO-BASED CLUSTERING.

In the interest of service, **MR. PABLITO M. VILLEGAS** is hereby designated as **ADVISER ON AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL CREDIT AND AGRO-BASED CLUSTERING.**

As such, he shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

A. On Agricultural and Rural Credit:

1. Coordinate with Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) on revisiting and critical review of the existing agricultural credit and rural financing programs of DA and cooperating private and government financial institutions (PFIs and GFIs), especially Land Bank, DBP, and small business corporations, as well as privately owned banks;
2. Provide advice in formulating "practical solutions framework" and/or policy as well as operational recommendations that will effectively link overall production (pre-production, production, harvest and post-harvest production, processing) technologies and the effective linkages of agri-producers and cooperatives or associations with financial institutions and direct market outlets;
3. Help explore pragmatic operational mechanisms or modalities that will promote decentralized and cluster-based agri-credit and rural financing operations and with priority in the commodity-based and agro-based clustering areas;
4. Assist DA in demonstrating the effective CPM linkages in the community-based clustered agricultural zones, where C stands for Capital, Credit, and Collection, P for Production (pre-production, production, harvest and post-harvest production, processing) TECHNOLOGIES, and M for Marketing, Mentoring and Coaching, and overall Management system for the clustering of farms and its effective linkages with credit/financing and markets, and rural credit and rural financing operations; and
5. Perform other functions and assignments within his expertise as may be requested by the Chief of Staff and the Secretary.

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B. On Agro-Based Clustering (ABC):

1. Advise the Secretary of Agriculture on formulating agro-based clustering (ABC) policy and strategy that will focus on enhancing, optimizing, and strengthening the agricultural supply and value chains;
2. Advise the Secretary on ways to enhance the value chain participation of clusters in order to increase the farmers' productivity and income;
3. Help in identifying opportunities for diversification and value-adding of the clusters;
4. Assist in fostering partnerships between clusters and credit institutions, private companies, non-government organizations, etc.;
5. Provide guidance on the mainstreaming of the Cluster Development Plans developed by the clusters to the programs and projects of the Department;
6. Assist in preparing agro-based clustering programs and projects with specific commodity farming systems that exhibit comparative advantages and competitiveness; and
7. Perform other functions and tasks within his expertise as may be requested by the Chief of Staff and the Secretary.

He is entitled to travelling allowance, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

This Order shall take effect on September 15, 2021 and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All other orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 13th day of September 2021.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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